have now four engineering colleges; and it is not possible to add anything to it."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Have Government envisaged a time at which admission for all applicants can be given in colleges? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Unless we add to the colleges we now have, it is not possible. We do not know whether we would be able to add to the existing colleges, as we have yet to see the three newly started colleges fully equipped."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Have Government any scheme under contemplation to add colleges so that all applicants may be given admission? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no scheme at present."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Will Government consider the question of adding to the number of colleges to meet the growing need? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As I have said, for the three colleges we have recently started we have to equip them with buildings and other things. Till that is done it is not possible to add to the number of colleges."

Revision of scales of pay of peons, etc.

* 39 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to G.O. No. 718, Finance, dated 9th July 1949, relating to revision of scales of pay of peons, etc., under the Madras Inferior Service, whether the Government have under consideration the question of revising the scales of pay of peons, etc., under the Madras Inferior Service who have already reached the maximum of Rs. 25?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" No."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, have Government recognized the need to increase the scales of pay of peons who have already reached the maximum salary of Rs. 25 and still in service. May I know why their case should not be considered favourably."

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" For the obvious reason of lack of finance."

Sri P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know why the same consideration, on which the minimum salary of other Government employees was raised, should not be applied to raise the minimum salary of peons? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I have raised their minimum salary to Rs. 18."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Do Government expect the peons on a salary of Rs. 18 a month to live? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Over and above that they are getting a dearness allowance of Rs. 18 or Rs. 19."

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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Do Government think that salary plus dearness allowance will be sufficient for any man to maintain his family? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Peons are maintaining their families all right." (Laughter.)

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" How? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I do not know; I think it is quite sufficient; they are maintaining their family."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Does not the Hon. Minister think that it is due to this inadequate salary there is a lot of tipping and bribing in the case of peons? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I do not think all the seventeen thousand or eighteen thousand peons are being tipped by hon. Members or their friends."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Have they got any ostensible means of livelihood, considering the salary and the dearness allowance they are paid and the high cost of living? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I have not conducted an economic survey of the properties of the peons! "

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I inquire whether from a common sense point of view there is not a necessity, without conducting an inquiry into their economy, to increase their salary, as it is only small now? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Previously, the scale of pay was Rs. 12 to Rs. 16. Now it has been enhanced to Rs. 18 to Rs. 25 plus a dearness allowance of Rs. 17 or Rs. 18. So from Rs. 12, their salary has gone up to Rs. 36 or Rs. 37 as basic salary."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the cost of living has gone up three times since the commencement of the war? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The salary also has gone up three times, Rs. 12 to Rs. 36."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I inquire, Sir, whether the Rs. 12 paid before the war was then sufficient for them to keep their body and soul together? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" For a very long time, for peons, that scale of pay was in force."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" If the Hon. Minister thinks a small salary of Rs. 25 a month is sufficient for peons to maintain their family, will he consider the advisability of revising the salaries of high-paid officials including Ministers? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The salary of Ministers including that of hon. Members of the Legislature cannot be touched so easily."

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SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the lowest salary paid to Government employees is Rs. 10, and even less and that is the salary of the workers in the King Institute, Guindy, and that limit of Rs. 10 has been recently fixed by the Finance Department? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I do not think it is a full-time job. Perhaps it is a part-time job, and so he is paid that salary."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Sir, while it is possible for increasing the salary of members of the Legislature and Ministers by passing an Act in this House and in the other House, is it not easy similarly to pass an Act to reduce their salary? "

No answer.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are Government aware of the scales of salary and allowance of Central Government employees in this City and in this Province? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are fully aware of the scales given by the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" So, are they also aware of the disparity in the scales of the Provincial Government and the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are also fully aware of the disparity between the two scales of pay, and we are also fully aware of the position of the Government of India with regard to their general scales of pay."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Are Government aware that the Government of India are giving a higher dearness allowance to their employees? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" It may be so."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are Government aware that this disparity is causing heart-burning among their employees? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" This difference between Provincial Government employees and Central Government employees was always there. It is not a recent innovation. Right from the Secretary to Government down to peon, there is this disparity, and we do not propose to give them Government of India scales of pay."

11-30 a.m. DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government believe in a contented service? "

No answer.

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government undertake an economic survey to find out whether the pay and dearness allowance given to peons and other menials are sufficient for their living? "

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I will have to cut coat according to the cloth available. In view of the financial stringency, I do not think I can enhance the salary of either the low paid or the high paid servants. So an economic survey at the present juncture may not be desirable."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of raising the salary of those who are drawing below Rs. 18 to Rs. 18, the minimum salary given to the peons? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" If the post is a full-time job, we will certainly consider the raising of its minimum salary to Rs. 18."

Conference of those interested in juvenile delinquency.

* 40 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether he has received a request for having a conference of those interested in juvenile delinquency and allied subjects and, if so, whether he contemplates convening this conference?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It has been proposed to constitute a Committee to report on jail reforms. With reference to certain suggestions received in regard to the tackling of the problem of juvenile delinquency, it is proposed to ask the Jail Reforms Committee to report also on the problem of juvenile delinquency in the Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether sufficient representation will be given to those who are interested in juvenile delinquency on the proposed Jail Reforms Committee? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I think the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools will be there. I do not know who else will be on the Committee and I cannot say anything now."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know whether representation will be given on the Committee to voluntary organizations interested in the problem of juvenile delinquency? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The proposed Committee for Jail Reforms consists of officials and non-officials and includes men who know the problem of juvenile delinquency also."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" A Bill to deal with juvenile delinquency has been promised, and is the Hon. Minister aware that we are not yet able to see the Bill? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not yet time for the hon. Members to see the Bill. It could be seen when it is published for eliciting public opinion."